

SENATE RESOLUTION 58

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to commend Andrew R. Runions for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, we are pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Andrew R. Runions is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the Senate Republican Caucus Press Office and Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Ken Yager; Andrew's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators and staff members he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born in Jackson on October 25, 1999, Andrew Runions is the devoted son of Shawn M. and Jeff R. Runions and the brother of Hillary M. Forsythe; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Crockett County High School, Mr. Runions proved his academic excellence by earning Valedictorian of his class and matching his fellow classmate for the highest score on the American College Testing (ACT), earning a 33; he also won his area's Washington Youth Tour writing contest, where he was allowed to tour the nation's capital with all expenses paid; and

WHEREAS, he was chosen as a representative for his high school at Boys State, where he served as a proud Alderman for his Boys City of McCollum and was introduced to the basic mechanisms of State government; and

WHEREAS, a student of Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Andrew Runions has achieved outstanding academic success while majoring in political science with a concentration in pre-law and a minor in philosophy; and

WHEREAS, a Brother of the MTSU chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha, Mr. Runions has served terms as both the Ritualist and Philanthropy Chair, where he meticulously crafted events that invested the ideals of the fraternity into the Associate Class and raised record-breaking donations for his fraternity's national philanthropy, Feeding America; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure at the General Assembly, Andrew Runions gleaned valuable experience interning for the Rutherford County District Attorney's Office under Assistant District Attorney Tom Jackson in the spring of 2020; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Mr. Runions brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2021 session of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2021 legislative session, Andrew Runions has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, distinguishing himself by offering his time and expertise to help Molly Crawford, Darlene Schlicher, and the staff of the office of Chairman Ken Yager; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Runions has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum, exemplifying an indomitable spirit and unmatched skill that have garnered him the respect of his fellow staff members and legislators; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Andrew R. Runions for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the Senate Republican Caucus Press Office and Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Ken Yager and to extend him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.